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Minden's million-dollar man

Albert Hewitt
wins the lottery

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

More than two months after
sending a \$100 cheque to the Heart

& Stroke Foundation for a lottery
ticket, Albert Hewitt received what
he thought was a crank call from
someone telling him that he'd won
\$1 million.

"At first I didn't really believe
it, you know," said the 57-year-old
Hewitt at his Hwy. 35 home south
of Minden on July 23. "Because

you never know with pranksters
nowadays, you get so many phone
calls."

It was only after a second phone
call from the Peterborough office
that the reality that he'd won truly
sunk in.

"And I've been shaky ever
since," he says.

The retiree says not much will
change now that he's officially a
millionaire. With the house and a
few possessions paid off, he's not
sure what he'll be doing with the
dough.

"I have a family so they'll likely

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Demands put EMS under pressure

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The County of Haliburton will be
contacting Ontario's health min-
ister to express its concerns over
what its EMS director says are in-
creased pressures on the county's
ambulances.

EMS director Pat Kennedy told
county councillors at a July 22
meeting that more and more of-
ten, the county's ambulances are
making transfer trips to hospitals
in centres such as Newmarket and
Oshawa.

"It's been a busy season and
these transfers are beginning to af-
fect us," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said he and other EMS

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Sian Cox/Special to the TIMES

Kinmount's got talent

Jacob Weiler worked up a sweat dancing to the song "Just Dance" at the Kinmount Talent Show on Friday night. The evening launched 10 days of events to celebrate the town's sesquicentennial. For details see pages 16 and 24.



OPENING

After months of
renovations, the
Beaver Theatre re-opens
this weekend.
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IN BRIEF

On April 1, 1859, the
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opened. One-hundred-
and-fifty years later,
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IN QUOTES

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Artist Jennifer
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Trust Bear Wise program MNR says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff



Bears can't rely on the dump for their food source any longer due to Bear Wise fences keeping them out. People around Halls Lake now say that is the reason for the unusually high bear sightings. /File photo

A senior staffer with the Minden Ministry of Natural Resources office is urging residents of the Halls Lake area to put their faith in the ministry's Bear Wise program.

There have been numerous black bear sightings around the lake this year and many residents there are blaming the animals' presence on the Bear Wise electric fencing that was installed at the Little Hawk landfill last spring.

"As Halls Lake is a densely populated area, the increase in calls from residents near the Little Hawk Lake landfill is not entirely unexpected," says Scott Bird, a senior fish and wildlife specialist for the Minden MNR. "Bears are no longer able to rely on the dump as their primary food source and they are therefore out and about searching for food from any source within close proximity to the dump."

Bird says this is the busiest bear season his office has had in five years, with 320 bear-related calls received so far.

And while a number of area residents have had their sheds, garages and even homes broken into by hungry bears, Bird believes that the MNR may have caught the main culprit behind these incidents.

"A bear that we believe may have been behind some of the break-ins was trapped on the weekend and we continue to closely monitor bear incidents in this area," Bird says, adding that his staff will continue to work with residents in the area to help manage bear problems.

In the meantime, he encourages residents to have faith in the process.

"Electric fencing is a long-term solution," he says. "As bears return to their natural habitat, it's expected they will become more reliant on their natural food sources instead of relying on people for food. While it's difficult to predict how long this will take, in the interim, we make use of other means to help manage human bear conflict which include aversive conditioning, trap and transfer, and, in extreme cases, dispatch."

Bird says it is important to get bears out the area's landfills since dump bears lose their fear of humans, which

"Bears are no longer able to rely on the dump as their primary food source and they are therefore out and about searching for food from any source within close proximity to the dump."

SCOTT BIRD

make them more dangerous.

"By allowing bears to continue to feed at the dump, we continue to habituate them," he says.

Bird says that allowing bears to remain in the area's landfills also stands to help increase their population even more.

"In years where natural food sources are poor, feeding at the dump can even contribute to higher reproductive success, as reproductive success can be influenced by a bear's weight gain through the season."

Scott says that in general, people in the area are becoming more educated about the ministry's Bear Wise program and are doing a good job of removing attractants, such as garbage, from their properties.

"At the same time, however, we continue to take calls from folks reporting that their neighbours are refusing to take down their birdfeeders," he says. "Birdfeeders, including hummingbird feeders, attract bears. If a bear has learned to make an association with food, it will return until that food source has been removed."

Scott says the ministry also continues to receive calls from concerned landfill users reporting that people continue to take pictures of, and even hand-feed, bears at the area's landfills.

"This must stop," he says.

Bird says the best way for resident to report bear incidents is by calling 1-866-514-BEAR as Minden staff may be away from their desks, responding to bear incidents.

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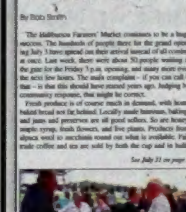
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Brigitte Gall, left, and Fionnuala "Ludu" Martin are ready to raise the curtain on the renovated Beaver Theatre on August 1. The theatre will not only show movies, but will host musical and theatrical performances as well as other events. /Photo by Chad Ingram

Curtain calls again at Beaver Theatre

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

When Minden's Beaver Theatre reopens its doors on August 1, it is with a showing of the film that was played when the theatre first opened in 1954 – the Carmen Miranda classic, *The Gang's All Here*.

The theatre's new owner, Fionnuala "Ludu" Martin, and creative managing director, Brigitte Gall, are looking for the community of Minden to help out in designing the theatre's programming. They thought paying homage to the building's history might be a good way to start.

"It's a theatre for the community," Martin said, standing outside the historic building last week.

Workers passed in and out of the theatre's door as she spoke, carrying ladders and buckets of paint as they finished up an interior overhaul that began on the theatre last fall.

And the Beaver Theatre that will be reintroduced to Mindonites next week will be no ordinary movie theatre.

While a silver screen will still show motion pictures, the new Beaver Theatre is multi-use and will also play host to musical and theatrical performances, conferences and whatever else local creative minds can conjure up.

"The most important thing is to try and get as much community input into the programming," Martin said.

She stressed though that the theatre is a business, being run for a profit.

Referring to the mass, homogenized popular culture that has dominated North America for the past several decades, Martin wanted to create a theatre that, along with providing entertainment courtesy of Hollywood

stars, would also act as a kind of cultural showpiece for the community.

"I think people are desperate for an opportunity to express themselves," she said.

A Toronto-based brokerage consultant, Martin cota-ged in Haliburton throughout her childhood and also attended camp here.

She said it was while contractors were fixing up a farmhouse she owns on Eagle Lake that one of them mentioned something about the theatre, which has been closed for several years.

"That's why I'm an accidental impresario," Martin said. "It was mostly a lark."

However, when she retires from the financial industry, Martin intends to relocate here permanently.

"I want to do something that inspires me when I move up here," she said.

Martin purchased the building in March of 2008 and said the renovations, which have included a complete overhaul of the interior, have gone pretty smoothly.

Its new seating will offer an area for those with wheel-chairs or walkers and in time Martin said she plans to redo the building's exterior as well.

Gall, a writer, producer, actor and comedian who has appeared on CTV comedy specials and worked on the Gemini-Award-winning CTV show *Joan of Montreal*, said she already has some ideas for programming, including science fiction or conspiracy nights as well as a celebration of some of the worst movies of all time.

For that event, people would be asked to submit their choices for the title and those chosen would get to explain their choices during a compilation of clips from the

films.

Gall said she has some pleasant surprises in store as well.

"There's going to be some very big theatre stuff coming," she said, and while she wouldn't elaborate, she did say those productions would include some "very visible performers."

In conjunction with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the theatre will be hosting a writers' series on September 26, which will feature authors Wayson Choy, Priscilla Singh Uppal and Guillermo Verdecchia.

For more information or to offer suggestions for programming at the theatre, contact Gall at brigitte@beavertheatre.ca or info@beavertheatre.ca.



Minden's Beaver Theatre is gutted in order for its renovation and grand re-opening set for Saturday, August 1.

Airport EA to include public input

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It's not too late for the public to weigh in on the Stanhope Airport expansion project.

This was the message from Keith Grady, the senior environmental review and approvals issues officer for Infrastructure Canada, as he spoke to a crowd in Stanhope on July 23.

About 150 people, included members of Algonquin Highlands council and staff, filled the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre last Thursday night to hear how a federal environmental screening assessment for the project will unfold and how citizens can get involved.

"I know it's a matter of great public interest," Grady said, explaining that since it was announced in February that the project had been approved to have two-thirds of its estimated \$3.6-million construction costs paid for by the Building Canada Fund, the authority responsible for overseeing the project has been receiving a steady stream of emails, letters and phone calls.

While Industry Canada was initially the responsible authority for the project, it was recently shifted to the auspices of Infrastructure Canada.

Grady assured the crowd that all of the correspondence that had been all file with Industry Canada had been transferred to his office.

"We know at the time [of funding approval] it [the project] would require an environmental assessment and that's what we're proceeding with tonight," Grady said.

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Keith Grady of Infrastructure Canada addresses a crowd, including members of Algonquin Highlands council, at a meeting concerning the environmental assessment for the Stanhope Airport expansion project in Stanhope on July 23.

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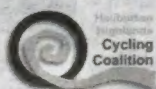
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Infrastructure Canada says length of assessment unknown

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The project must pass an environmental assessment before the township can receive its Building Canada funding.

The assessment process, he said, will include a thorough review of the assessment done by consulting firm Beacon Environmental as part of a 2008 aeronautical, engineering and environmental report on the project.

The review panel will include experts from a number of federal ministries including Transport Canada, Health Canada, Industry Canada, Infrastructure Canada and members of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

If it is determined that the assessment done by Beacon Environmental does not fulfill all of the requirements of a federal environmental screening, the township may have some more work to do before the project can proceed.

"There may be additional studies that may have to be carried out before we can complete the screening report," Grady said.

The review panel will be looking at the environmental effects of the project, which is to include the construction of an additional 1,220-metre runway at the airport as well as an upgrade of the existing runway, the significance of those effects, any mitigation measures that should be considered and comments from the public.

Grady said of the more than 5,000 municipal infrastructure projects that have been approved by the Building Canada Fund this year, the airport expansion project is a rarity.

"Most of them do not require an [environmental] assessment; this one does," he said.

Last week's meeting was another rarity, as Grady said most of the other approved projects involved upgrading sewer systems or sidewalks and so had not garnered

any public opposition.

Grady said that Infrastructure Canada would continue to take comments from the public throughout the environmental assessment process.

"At the end of the day, [we want to know] whether the project should proceed, whether it is a good project."

The crowd also heard from engineer Mike Osborne of the consulting firm Richardson Foster Ltd., which drafted the 2008 report for the township.

Osborne briefly reviewed the contents of that report.

"I believed that we addressed every issue that we could," he said. "This has taken a lot of work and there's a lot of effort that's gone into this."

When the floor was opened to questions, a number of concerns, environmental and otherwise, were raised by attendees.

One man wanted to know how, with so much opposition to the project from the township's taxpayers, the project had even made it to the phase of a federal environmental assessment in the first place.

Grady said the decision to approve the project for funding had been made by the Building Canada Fund, not Infrastructure Canada.

"My responsibility is with the environmental assessment process," Grady said.

A woman in the crowd wanted to know how she could see the initial application the township had filled out to seek funding from the Building Canada Fund.

Grady told her that document should be on file with and available for viewing at the township.

As far as how long it would take for the screening report to be completed, Grady said it was difficult to tell.

"I don't have a good answer to that," he said, adding that assessments he has worked on in the past, depending on the size of the project, have taken anywhere from three weeks to two years.

Grady also said the expert panel which will be reviewing the project had, as of last week, not even been set up yet.

A few people wanted to know if citizens' comments were really going to make a difference, or whether the assessment process was just one of the rubber-stamp variety, designed to sooth agitated taxpayers.

Grady assured attendees that this was not the case and their concerns would be given as much weight as those of the people conducting the technical review.

In the spring, MP Barry Devolin had written Algonquin Highlands councillors urging them to split the airport project into two phases; one being the upgrade of existing facilities and the other the construction of new runway.

Devolin had hoped this approach would allow the township to proceed with the renovation of the existing without risking using funding for the entire project and council voted to support his suggestion.

However, when a woman in the crowd asked Grady about the status of the two-phased approach, Grady said he had not been advised of anything to this effect.

"Infrastructure Canada is dealing with the project as one single entity at this point in time," he said.

One man wanted to know if anyone from the federal government would be looking at the site or whether decisions were being made based on reports and citizen comments alone.

Grady assured the man that he and environmental review and assessment officer Jennifer Clarke, who was also at last week's meeting, had toured the airport that day.

Paul MacInnes, president of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association, acknowledged that he and the members of his executive have been in regular contact with Infrastructure Canada.

"We've had nothing but great co-operation from them," MacInnes said. "I do want to reiterate a couple of our concerns."

MacInnes said that 80 per cent of the township's taxpayers are seasonal residents and many of the municipal documents concerning the airport are not available on the Internet but only at the township office.

"We need more time," he said. "I would ask you to consider that."

MacInnes said of the 150 or so attendees at the meeting, only about 25 per cent were members of his association.

In the past, some members of council have attested that opposition to the airport project is coming mostly from MBC.

"It's obviously not just an MBC concern," he said.

Members of the Kushog, Hawk and Halls and Boshkung associations were also present at the meeting.

Anyone with comments on the airport project can direct them to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency through its website at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Grady said his organization is in the process of setting up a correspondence system specifically for the airport project. He said local property owners' associations as well as the local media would be notified once this system is set up.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Encore

THE REOPENING of Minden's historic Beaver Theatre is nothing but good news for the community.

The team behind its re-launch, financial consultant Fionnuala "Ludu" Martin and artistic jack-of-all-trades Brigitte Gall, not only seem wholly dedicated to the endeavour they have undertaken, but their vision for the space is a unique one that will allow area residents to get involved with the theatre in a very interactive way.

Although the theatre will of course show movies, it will also do much more than that.

Meant to be a multi-use performance space that will host musical and theatrical productions as well writers' conferences and other celebrations of culture, the theatre has the potential to become a hub of arts and culture for Minden and to provide a stage for the area's many musicians, actors, playwrights, etc.

It will not just be a place people go to be entertained, but will be a place people go to create entertainment.

Gall, who will be in charge of programming, has made it clear that she is very open to creative programming suggestions, and so it seems the theatre has the capacity to become quite a showpiece of local artistic expression.

It will also allow Minden to welcome musical and theatrical productions for which it had no proper venue before.

Cultural benefits aside, there are also the economic benefits that are surely to stem from the theatre's reopening.

The building has sat empty for a number of years, a prime commercial space on the Gull River occupied by nothing but dust bunnies and, apparently, the ghost of one projectionist who met an unfortunate end.

To have its marquee lit up once again should bring some nightlife back to Minden and that, in turn, should bring some economic spinoff for other businesses in Minden's downtown core.

Groups of hungry and thirsty theatre-goers will likely be looking for somewhere to grab a bite or a drink before, or after, productions at the theatre.

So bravo to Martin and Gall and let's get on with the show.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Birch sap

Photo by Jenn Watt

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Another bear visit

To the Editor:

On Friday, July 17 around 10:30 p.m., my husband had just read aloud Lee Dupuis's letter about a bear visit at Kushog Lake next door when we heard a deep "thunk" from the back of the cottage.

We dashed to the kitchen and used the tin stove covers as impromptu cymbals to make a din. We discovered a bear had shoved through the screen of the back guest bedroom window, completely buckling and breaking the metal frame.

This was despite the fact that we were in the next room, lights on, watching a movie!

I'm all for live and let live, but not when a bear wants to share my dinner, **INSIDE MY COTTAGE!**

(Lesson learned: don't leave windows open at night, either.)

We have had several instances of bear break-ins at the cottages on our little lane. The bear population is booming, the forest's berries are insufficient.

With the dump's new fences, the bears are going off to forage at the source of all that tasty garbage. At the risk of being politically incorrect, maybe it's time to cull the bears.

Lita Menezes
Kabakwa Lake

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Reasonable argument for longer airstrip

To the Editor:

I have been watching the debate over the expansion of the Stanhope airport and feel that I need to contribute an argument in favour of the expansion.

Many people have claimed that the expansion would not benefit residents of the county in any concrete way. When my husband was seriously ill last November, the decision was made to airlift him to Kingston. Because of cloud cover, the helicopter wouldn't fly, so a fixed wing plane was the answer but we had to travel an hour by ambulance to Lindsay airport in order to reach the plane.

I was told by the aircrew that they would be able to land at Stanhope airport once the longer runway was completed, which would be only a 15-minute drive from Haliburton hospital.

The timing was pretty crucial and my husband was nearly, but not quite, comatose when he arrived at Kingston General. He was fortunate but it's easy to see that in his case, and many others, that extra 45 minutes could be the difference between partial and complete recovery, or even life and death.

In a geographically large and relatively unpopulated area like Haliburton County, with a very high percentage of seniors, we need to have a way of rapidly transferring people in times of emergency. The airport expansion could play an important role in our healthcare system.

Helen Brown
Boshkung Lake

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Learning to live again

A TROUBLING STORY came out of Mississippi recently. It told of a young woman who went on a horrible crime spree. Among other things, she used a gun to carjack a vehicle. Then, she brazenly drove to a recreational vehicle dealership where she tried to steal a Winnebago. The interesting part, to me at least, is that this 24-year-old woman was wearing a bikini throughout the whole terrifying ordeal.

I don't know about you, but I find this disconcerting in a number of ways. That's because all my life I've come to associate bikinis with the forces of good.

And now the criminal actions of this one woman have caused me to doubt all that I hold dear.

Call it innocence lost, if you will, but from here on in, every time a 20-something-year-old woman in a bikini approaches me, I am prepared to hand over my wallet and car keys, and even

submit to being taken hostage if need be. Moreover, I will probably babble incoherently, not be able to look her in the eyes, and stare longer at the bikini than is absolutely necessary. I suspect I'll even drool a bit. It's all part of the trauma I'm now feeling.

Yes, this is garment profiling at its worst.

I know that not all bikini-wearing women are criminals. Sadly, however, every time

I see a woman in a bikini now, I get very, very nervous. And the more of a bikini it is, the more nervous I get.

I'm not sure how I am going to learn to trust young women in bikinis again. All I know is that I must try.

My immediate thought is that I

must fight this irrational fear by going straight into the dragon's den. So I'm thinking of spending a day or two at a beach where

young women in bikinis are commonplace. Failing that, I will attend a women's beach volleyball tournament. If I don't, I will spend the rest of my life being anxious and frightened of women in bikinis. And that's

no way to live.

Of course, I'm not going

to be able to do this all alone. Which is why I'm reaching out to the bikini-wearing community.

I'm not asking a lot. But, if you happen to be jogging towards me in slow motion, could you take the time to wave, say a

kind word, or even reach out to console me with a big hug? I just need to know that you are not like that woman in Mississippi. I'm not sure I'm emotionally ready to rub sunscreen on your backs yet. Then again, if you show that kind of faith in me, who am I not to give it my best effort? It's part of the rehab process.

With your help, hopefully, somewhere between now and the end of the summer, I'll be able to look at women in bikinis again without mistrust.

If not, I promise that I will keep trying. I will bravely watch movies and television shows featuring women in bikinis.

Scared as I am on the inside, I'll continue those long walks down bikini-infested beaches. I will not allow this irrational fear take over my life. No matter how much I'd like it to.

I can be reached at
TheOutdoorLife@aol.com



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

A taste for human flesh

ONE OF THE BEST things about living in our neck of the woods is that there is nothing in them that wants to eat us.

So far.

Oh, the horse flies might nibble little pieces of us now and then, but there are no tigers or sharks, no boa constrictors or crocodiles eager to make a meal of us.

A black bear that feels threatened or a bull moose that feels randy might take a run at us, but all of the creatures big enough to kill us seem far more afraid of us than we are of them.

The only real danger in our Haliburton woods has been that we might get lost in them, or sprain an ankle too far from home, or have a tree fall on us.

Or so it has always seemed. Now life on Sapsucker Ridge seems just a trifle less secure as The Brown Dog Jiggs and I contemplate the growing evidence that there are cougars among us and that their western relatives may be developing a taste for human flesh.

This summer's news from

British Columbia has been full of confrontations between humans and cougars, including a couple of predatory attacks on children, both of whom survived.

A story out of Squamish, B.C., where a cougar ate a dog, reported that there had been 30 encounters in a 10-day period, though it didn't say whether that was just for Squamish or for all of the province.

Either way, western cougars seem to have become more interested in human protein than scientists and naturalists have always assumed they were.

In *The Ghost Walker*, which has just been reprinted, the late R.D. Lawrence concluded that cougars are taught by their mothers which creatures make good eating. Humans were not on that menu, perhaps because

there were so few of us in their neighbourhoods.

Lawrence, who lived among the big cats for months, finished his life in Haliburton. Perhaps the big cats followed him east.

More likely they have always been here. There have been too many sightings to be explained away. Rick

Rosatte, the cougar specialist for Ontario's Ministry

of Natural Resources, says evidence of the big cat's presence has been found in 20 locations scattered across the province.

Cougar sightings have become increasingly common in Haliburton and the Kawarthas, but most of us will probably never see one, even if we spend a lot of time in the woods.

How elusive are they? Rosatte spent five days with a trained

tracker in cougar territory in Montana, a state where there are believed to be thousands of the cats, and saw only one of them, which is one more than he saw in five years working in the Alberta Rockies.

Predators make their livings by making themselves invisible. Cougars are especially elusive because they hunt by stealth, not by running down their prey as wolves do.

There always have been cougar attacks in the West, but they seem to have become more common as urban sprawl sends its fingers of development into what once was wilderness.

Some perspective: History says only six Canadians have been killed by cougars.

Most of the deaths involved a child, which is small comfort for those of us who want to let our children play outdoors.

But that's only six cougar killings in more than a century. Bees kill three Canadians a year.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

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Where is police follow-up?

To the Editor:

On the morning of June 24 our house was broken into by burglars, and a several thousand dollars' worth of electronics were stolen. This burglary was part of a string of break and enters which involved more than a dozen houses in Minden Hills over a period of several days.

As soon as my husband and I discovered that our house had been broken into we phoned the police. They sent an officer to inspect the damage, take a statement, and file a report. Since then, we have heard

nothing from the police. We have left several voicemail messages at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment office in Minden. The phone calls have not been returned.

My husband and I have spoken with several other victims of the robberies. They too have tried contacting the police to inquire about the investigation, to no avail.

When your house is broken into, you lose more than just money and material objects. You lose your sense of security and safety. In such a moment of need you

look to the police for reassurance. We feel as though the police have "left us hanging," not even bothering to return our calls.

According to the official police reports, no arrests have been made in relations to the multiple burglaries, even though a month has passed. Is this investigation a priority for the police?

Michelle St. Pierre,
Gelert

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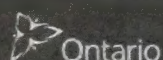
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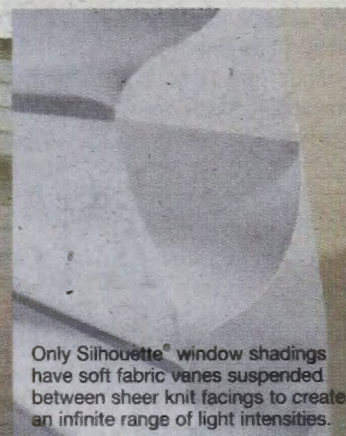
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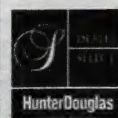
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County wants to lobby health minister

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directors from neighbouring municipalities had met with members of the Central East Ontario Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to discuss their concerns with the LHIN's clinical services plan.

The plan aims to regroup and concentrate cardiac, vascular, thoracic, maternal, mental health and addiction services in such a way that they can be reached by anyone within the LHIN's boundaries within 90 minutes.

The Central East LHIN, one of 14 LHINs in the province, encompasses Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County and a portion of Durham Region.

For Haliburtonians, the plan means that all of services mentioned above would be available in Peterborough.

"The LHIN [board] has been less than supportive of our concerns," Kennedy told councillors.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis suggested that council send a delegation to an upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference to highlight the county's concerns. It was also suggested that other municipalities in the area be asked if they wished to join this delegation.

"I think we should see what we can do with the minister," Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner said, expressing his desire to go directly to the province's health ministry.

According to Kennedy, call volumes in Haliburton are up eight per cent this year, but transfers are up significantly more.

"Any help would be appreciated," he told councillors.

However, according to the Central East LHIN chair Foster Loucks, there is no way the LHIN's clinical services plan could be responsible for increases in transfers from Haliburton since the program has not been implemented yet.

Still under review by the area's hospitals, Loucks said the plan would next be discussed by the LHIN at a meeting in September.

"No part of the clinical services plan has ever been implemented," Loucks said, adding that hence, it would be impossible

for the clinical services plan to be affecting transfer rates.

"Newmarket is not in our LHIN," he continued, saying that if Haliburton ambulances were travelling to Newmarket, it was as a result of the orders of individual doctors and nothing to do with the LHIN.

Furthermore, Loucks said he believed that once the plan is implemented, it would help, not hinder, the county.

"I would suggest it will enhance their services," he said. "I wish they would read the plan carefully."

Despite increasing out-of-county transfers, Kennedy said response times for the county's EMS teams have improved, down to an average of less than 24 minutes from more than 26 not so long ago.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 20th, 2009 @ 1:30 p.m. (Municipal Boardroom)
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Amended Council Agenda for July 30th, 2009 available

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 30 Council, Council Chambers 9 AM
July 31 Highland Yard
August 1 Household Hazardous Waste Day - See page 5
August 3 Township Admin Office Closed
Aug 7-15 Homecoming Week www.minden150.ca
Aug 13-16 Buck's Tavern (Minden Cultural Centre)
Aug 21-23 Haliburton County Fair-Minden Fair Grounds
August 11 Classic Car Show 'n Shine Downtown Minden 6 pm
August 20 Finance Committee Meeting - Council Chambers 1:30 PM
August 27 Council, Council Chambers 9 AM



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FACT OF INTEREST

The Prime Minister, The Honorable Lester M. Frost, stated (during his visit in 1958 to Minden to unveil a historical plaque) that the policy of marking historic sites by means of the blue and gold plaques had been done by his government between two and three years prior. This program, he felt, stimulated an increased interest in local history among the citizens of the area and provided attractions to travelers and visitors alike. He mentioned also at that time the support of the Ontario Government of a forthcoming book on the Muskoka-Haliburton region compiled by Miss Florence Murray.

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Enjoying cake and tea from left is June Anderson, Estella Burch, Hilde Fleece, and Marilyn Harris.

Horticultural society takes sentimental journey

• Photos by Matt James •

The Minden & District Horticultural Society held its 30th annual Flower Show this past weekend and turned the "Sentimental Journey" theme into reality.

During Friday night's opening presentation inside the Minden Community Centre, long-standing society members Gwen Cox and the first-ever president, Elizabeth Carrell, shared a few stories and laughs with those in attendance from the past 30 years.

Joining the organizing committee members Rose Lea Paliwoda, Jessie Geall, and Linda Pentney at the front was Reeve Jim McMahon, who honoured the MDHS with a plaque for their great milestone.

McMahon also praised the organization for all of the great work over the years, which has helped make Minden attractive to its visitors. The reeve also cut the Minden

sesquicentennial cake while Carrell and Cox shared the cutting duties of the MDHS 30th anniversary cake.

Also honoured on Friday evening was MDHS member and volunteer Elinor Kernohan for her outstanding work over the past year.

Of course the weekend revolves around the flower show competition, which is open to MDHS members. So far summer has offered more rain than sun and organizers say that's it's shown some categories are lacking, such as annuals and vegetables.

Other categories, however, have flourished with the weather such as roses and lilies.

From potted plants to flower specimens to fruits and vegetables to photography, participants are allowed one entry per category of which there are 10 in total, including a junior division.



A beautiful yellow-orange Rudbeckia flower.



A Coleus plant.



Reeve Jim McMahon cuts the Minden sesquicentennial cake while long-standing society members Gwen Cox, far right, and Elizabeth Carrell cut the Minden & District Horticultural Society cake.



This set of three Dutch onions grown by Liz Lilley-Case from Kinmount took first place in the category.

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Minden's Sesquicentennial book launch, Minden Museum—1 p.m.
Historical Portrait Studio - Photo in old clothes \$10/photo, Minden Museum—1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 8

Homecoming breakfast, Minden Hills Community Centre—8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Displays of the History of Minden—Minden Curling Club Aug. 8-15—9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Official Homecoming Welcome—Minden Curling Club 10 a.m.

Amazing Race—starting at the Minden Curling Club—12 noon-5 p.m.
Call 286-1936 to register—\$10 per team

Homecoming Dance, Minden Hills Community Centre—7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 9

All Church picnic—Base Ball Diamond behind Minden Hills Community Centre—1:00 p.m.
Haliburton County Horseman's Association Gymkhana—Minden Fair Grounds—9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug 11

Show & Shine Car Show, downtown Minden—6 p.m.-Dusk

Wednesday, Aug 12

Truck Sale—Downtown Minden—8 a.m.-1 p.m. - \$10 per vehicle-sign up at the Dominion Hotel

1:30 p.m. - Float your Hull Down the Gull, Gull River - Rotary Park - Let's Get as Many Floaters as We Can! Call 286-1936 to pre-register

Thursday, Aug 13

Minden Merchants Street Sale—9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Jail Cell, Minden Hills Museum fundraiser, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. downtown

Kids Games - 12-3 p.m.

Facing Painting 10-4 p.m.

Cream Pie Throwing 3 p.m.-4 p.m. - Fundraiser for the Minden 150 committee

Rockcliff Fashion Show 7 p.m.

Aug 13, 14, 15, 16

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Saturday, Aug 15

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Defining evolving art

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

When the Group of Seven held its first exhibit, the paintings were derided by many art critics and the general public. "Hot mush" is how one critic summed up the style of these young painters who dared to stray from the norm of pretty pastoral scenes.

Responding to the cool reception, one of the group's founders, J.E.H. MacDonald wrote that "It seems probable that we shall have to pay, as usual, for the privilege of giving the Toronto public an art education."

Decades later, the Group of Seven's landscapes are so much a part of the Ontario psyche that any art gallery lucky enough to show one of their paintings is guaranteed to draw a crowd. New artists that eschew landscapes wish they could be as lucky.

But just because an artist is new doesn't mean that her work is good. The Group of Seven endured because there was talent hidden under all those trees and rocks. They worked hard at trying to convey a message about what they felt about the land through paint.

As the curator of a publicly funded art gallery, Laurie Carmount is constantly struggling to discover what the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's role is in the community. Is it to introduce new artists, whose turn it is to pay for the privilege of giving Minden an art education? Is it to give Minden exhibits that it is sure to like – pretty landscapes and gardens? And should she alone be the arbitrator of what is good enough to show at the gallery?

This was the premise behind last

Thursday's public forum at the Minden courthouse, where the public was going to be judge and jury of the debate over whether is even relevant in today's consumer-driven society. Carmount pulled together a panel of three artists and three members of the community and, expecting a lively conversation, asked me to be moderator.

As it turned out, the number of people in the audience was the same as the number of people addressing the audience. There were two artists, one gallery owner, one public institution administrator, one teacher, and three curious members of the public.

If no one shows up to talk about the future role of art galleries, doesn't that provide the answer? That galleries have no future?

What the evening lacked in audience numbers it certainly made up in passion. Following the conversation was not so much like climbing a spiral staircase than being intrigued by all the rooms that the stairway led to – and trying not to get distracted from the goal of reaching the top.

Times humour columnist Steve Galea, a panelist who earns his living as an outdoors writer, started the conversation by saying that he likes art that he can relate to. A painting of mallards landing in a marsh takes him back to a place and time in his own life. But during a visit to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, he was also struck by the creativity and talent of the three artists on display, with nary a wildlife painting in sight. What mattered, Galea said, was that the art was well done, showing care and talent.

As an artist, panelist June Stone said she is drawn more to conceptual ideas such as



When the Group of Seven first exhibited their work in 1920, the reception of artists and the public was quite cool. The paintings of rugged Canadian landscapes strayed from the English pastoral scenes and the absence of people or animals was bemoaned. And yet today, the Group of Seven is the standard of what we know think of as traditional art. Should publicly-funded art galleries be encouraging us to push the boundaries of acceptability or should they be going with art that's safe and popular? Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, hosted a panel discussion to explore the answer.

shapes and colours. She knows that understanding her ideas may take a little work and her hope was that people gave themselves the time to explore them.

Fellow artist and panelist Shelley Beach said, "Art is communication – we're trying to speak in a visual way." She is bilingual – she speaks through representational art, such as watercolours of pretty scenes, and also more abstract combinations of images and colour. One language is not better than the other.

Steven Hudak, the third arts member of the panel, said that there used to be a hierarchy of aesthetics. Huge gilt frames told the public that "This painting is important. This painting is good." Today the art world is more democratic, with each artist being free to say what's important. "There's less of a ruling class dictating what art is."

There's a danger in trying to define

what's good and what's not, said Jennifer Wanless-Craig, one of two artists in the audience. She and her mother, for instance, have very different points of view. She worries that artists who don't do traditional art are viewed by general society as "crazy, freaky people." Her preference would be to broaden people's definition of what art is.

Dr. Stella Voisin, one of the "non-arts" panelists, has had a career in education. "There's value in teaching our young people how to be literate about art." There are the design concepts – colour and shape and perspective – but also emotional ones – how does a piece of art make you feel? As someone who admires what artists do, she says "I'd love to be able to create something that evokes emotion."

Does an appreciation of art depend on

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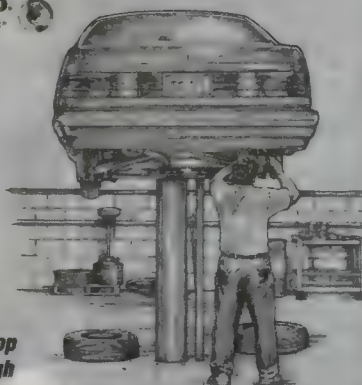
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Art is what you like – but be open to discovery

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education or exposure, asked audience member Jean-Edouard de Marenches. He grew up in Paris where once a month his school teachers required pupils to visit a different art gallery and write about the exhibits. He initially found the assignments unexciting and yet appreciated how he had to learn how to express what he felt about the art.

He now feels about art what he feels about wine. On one hand it's important to trust your taste. You shouldn't need to have someone tell you what you like or don't like. However, you should always open yourself to more complex tastes so you can start to be aware of the subtleties. Developing your taste is a great exploration. Like the sommelier in a restaurant, the role of the curator can be to provide "gentle guiding."

One woman said she can't "read" abstract art but that doesn't mean it shouldn't have a home in public galleries. Her suggestion to Carmount was to have two-thirds of an exhibit appeal to those who like representational art and one-third dedicated to pushing the audience's boundaries of comfort.

Beach was uncomfortable with putting value judgments on a style of art. Just because a work is representational – a tree that looks like a tree – doesn't mean that it's good because it conforms to society's literacy level when it comes to art. But modern-day artists who like doing representational art shouldn't be pooh-pooed because their work is deemed traditional.

"Why can't I do what I want to do," she asked.

Carmount was visibly frustrated by the attitude often expressed in art school that dismiss what she called realistic art. If an artist decides to put a pile of licorice in the corner of a room and invite people to eat it, why does that have more value in the modern art world than a painting of a beautiful garden?

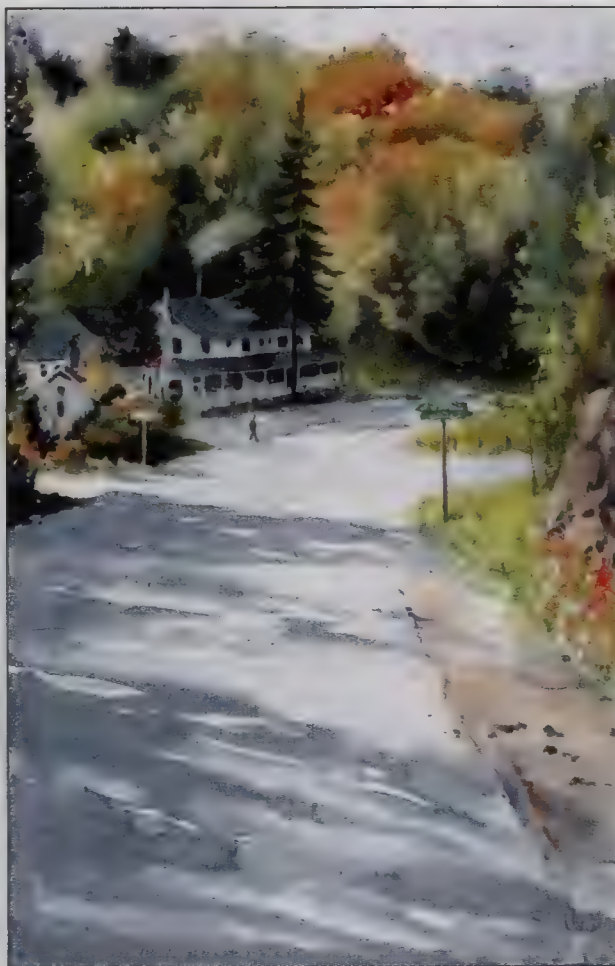
But society does put value on art, both a social value and a monetary one. An artist who wants to earn a living as an artist has to be able to produce work that sells but history is full of stories of now-famous artists who died in poverty. Beach said, "The reality is most of my friends are living at or below the poverty line and they are successful artists."

Galea responded, "As a writer, one day I aspire to the poverty line."

He can't simply write for pleasure or the satisfaction of expressing himself. If he wants to earn a living as a writer, he must write stories that people want to read and, therefore, editors want to purchase. This brought the discussion back to literacy. Just as a writer needs to know the basics of writing, shouldn't an artist need to know the basics of art? And just as we all learned grammar in school, shouldn't we all be learning about shape and colour and perspective?

"You can't assume that if you've danced one dance at a wedding you can dance with the National Ballet," said Wanless-Craig.

"I've never known a rich artist. You do it because you love doing it. I enjoy the mystery of the unfolding," June Stone later said.



Dr. Voisin said society needs artists. "We need to be stimulated by the beauty [you artists] create – of form, of line, of colour. We as a society are improved [by art]."

The discussion came back to where we get that exposure to art – art galleries. What about property taxpayers who don't want their money going to support artists they don't understand? Should publicly funded galleries show only art that people like? But should publicly-funded galleries eschew work that is popular because its popularity somehow de-values it? As a curator, should she give the community what it wants to see or what she thinks it should see?

Carmount said a person once told her that he doesn't go to galleries because the exhibits make him feel stupid. Because he doesn't "get" what the artist is saying – either he or the artist lacks art literacy – he thinks that the gallery is judging him. She embraces all kinds of art, and welcomes them at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, but can't abide galleries that look down on people who struggle with more unconventional pieces.

It comes back to teaching art literacy at school. "People have to be given the tools," Hudak said.

Thursday's debate was one of those tools. It forced people to put words to what they felt about art, which is all part of how we learn to understand more about art. There was no conclusion, no answer to the questions – apart from the need for art education. The only regret was that there weren't more people who felt that the questions were worth asking.



Most people who walk into a gallery and see these two paintings would put a value judgment on them. Traditionalists would love the watercolour of Miner's Bay Lodge and bemoan the emergence of abstract art, wishing more painters would create works that they, the gallery goer, could understand. Modernists would say the abstract painting was true art because it doesn't conform with traditional constraints. Yet both paintings were done by the same artist, Shelley Beach, who loves each of them equally.

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Funny, thought-provoking, and incredibly disturbing, *Slow Death by Rubber Duck* reveals that every-day living creates a chemical soup inside each of us. Pollution is no longer just about belching smokestacks and ugly sewer pipes – now, it's personal.

Slow Death By Rubber Duck chronicles how one of Canada's leading environmentalists Rick Smith, the executive director of Environmental Defence, Bruce Lourie, an environmental professional who is president of the Ivey Foundation, and Sarah Dopp, a veteran grassroots organizer, political staffer and campaigner turn themselves into human guinea pigs. They used their own bodies as scientific laboratories to measure the impact of our everyday activities and common consumer products.

Rick Smith will be leading an eye-opening discussion about the book at R.D. Lawrence Place on July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tests conducted focused on common chemicals that are associated with a variety of health effects, including cancer, reproductive and developmental harm and learning disabilities. Surprising results outlined in the book include:

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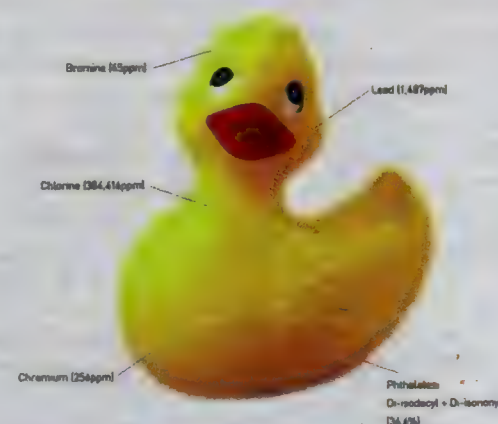
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Gwen and Albert Hewitt don't plan on making too many changes to their lives now that they're millionaires.

Lottery win is good for the heart

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get some," he said. "I'll probably just invest it for the time being and figure out later on what I'm going to do with it."

Hewitt and his wife, Gwen, have done some travelling in the past so he says a few more trips are likely in the cards. Gwen currently very much enjoys her job with Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and isn't planning on retiring any time soon.

While Albert says he's not an avid player of lotteries like Lotto 649, he has been

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• Rod Clarke's *Narrow Gauge Through the Bush* presentation/slides held at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Both presentations are admission by donation, held in the Kinmount Community Centre, and both men will have their books available for purchase and autographing. Be sure to pick up your copy.

While in Kinmount be sure to take in some of the other activities, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Natasha Willemsen watches the trains at the Kinmount Model Railroad and Museum. It's hosting a special celebration this Sunday as part of Kinmount's sesquicentennial party.

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- Pick up your souvenir copy of the *Rail Trail* to refer to and add notes as you travel. The wagons run two differ-

ent routes – one heading north of town, the other running south – both routes offered at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

Meet the authors

"Nobody knows Ontario like Ron Brown" is how the CBC once described this author, geographer, and travel writer. Ron Brown has long had a love affair with the landscapes of Canada. Ron Brown is visiting Kinmount to showcase his book, *The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*, a celebration of the marvellous heritage of train stations in Canada. Ron's slideshow offers a nostalgic look back on the days when the railway station was the gateway to the rest of the country. The show takes its audience back to the beginnings of the railway era in Canada and how the station evolved not just into architectural grandeur, but also as the heart of Canada's communities large and small.

Brown is probably best recognized for his *Ghost Towns of Ontario* series. Other publications by this man include: *Back Roads of Ontario*, *Behind Bars – Inside Ontario's Heritage Jails*, *Toronto's Lost Villages*, *The Last Stop*, *Downtown Ontario*, and *Top 100 Unusual Things to See in Ontario*.

The *Toronto Star*, the *Globe and Mail*, the *Canadian Geographic Magazine*, and *VIA Rail Magazine* have all carried articles by Brown. His personal library contains more than 5,000 images and includes views of Ontario's lesser-known landscapes, with a specialization in historic buildings, main streets, railway stations and ghost towns.

Rod Clarke has long been appreciative of the achievements of Victorian engineers, and has a particular interest in the engineering and modelling of narrow gauge railways of the period 1860 to 1900.

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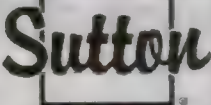
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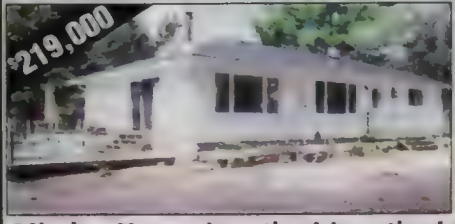
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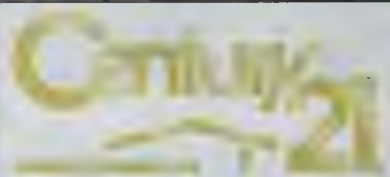


Hospital gets new drill

The Minden and District Lions Club recently donated money for the purchase of intraosseous drill, which is used to assist seniors with the administration of intravenous, for the Minden emergency room. Here, Lions Club president Brian Moore tries out the drill on Minden Heath Care Auxiliary president, Susan Ungar. Melanie Flood, manager of patient care for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, left, auxiliary member Marilyn Harris and auxiliary vice-president Chris Wilde watch the demonstration.

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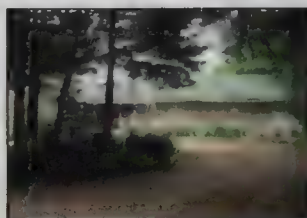
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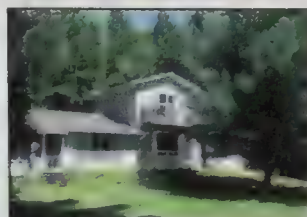
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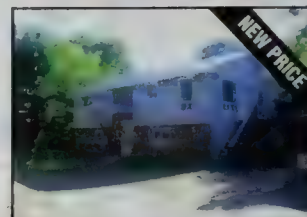
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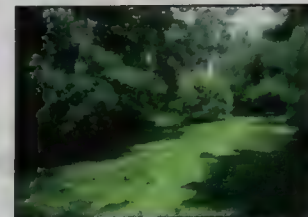
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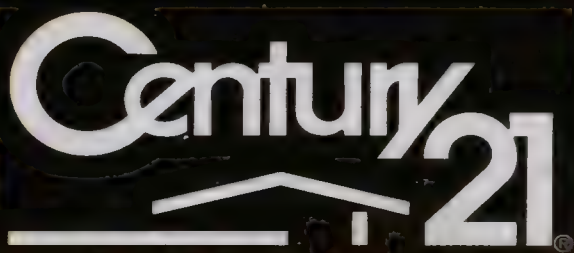
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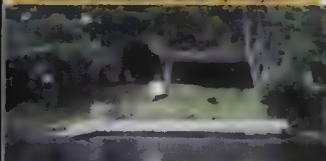
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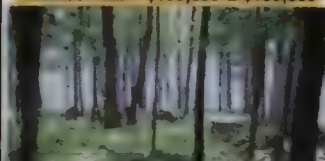
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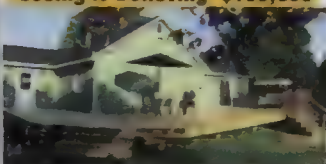
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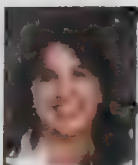
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Fewer students than usual are enrolling in summer hockey camps, such as Haliburton Hockey Haven. Organizers think the reason may be the slumping economy.

Fewer players for Hockey Haven

by **MATT JAMES**
Times Staff

The ice at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena will go in a week later than usual this year due to a drop in hockey school numbers as well as a much needed upgrade to arena's ice system.

Rick Cox, the director of community services, says in that recent years the ice has always gone in at the end of July because the kids would use it as part of the Minden Rotary Carnival. However, this

year carnival is downtown and the ice isn't going in.

The second factor that determines the date the ice goes in is Haliburton Hockey Haven run out of Coboconk by Pat Russell. Cox has heard that numbers for hockey camps in general are down across the board but Russell was able to fill enough spots for two weeks of programming.

"I think it probably has to do with the economy," said Russell. "Last year and this year the numbers have declined."

This year Russell's added some hockey-

themed activities to the program by making use of the baseball diamond and soccer fields.

Russell, however, also suspects dodgy communication for the lack of business this summer. Right around the usual booking times he said the phone lines in the Coboconk area were not working well.

"I spoke with a few other business owners in the area and they said the same thing," said Russell.

Haliburton Hockey Haven brings in players from the Greater Toronto Area as well as cottagers in the area. It also hosts a number of tournaments in the county such as Puck 'N' Ball, Winterfest, the Highlands Classic, and the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament.

Despite the delay in putting in the ice, Cox says the timing couldn't actually be better, as the arena is taking advantage of some of the \$600,000 funding announced earlier this year.

An earlier ice time might not have even been possible because of the arena's header project, a series of pipes linking other pipes that direct the flow of the rink's water system.

Cox says the headers desperately need to be replaced.

"Our headers were the original ones 35 years ago when the arena was built," said Cox. "The typical life span is 15 to 25 years, so we've been really lucky with the headers. There have been no leaks but there are corroded sections of metal."

Cox says if a leak were to occur once the ice is in, the ice would be ruined and the process would have to begin all over, which would result in shutting the arena down for at least two weeks, cutting into booked ice time.

Cox says finishing the header project and getting the ice in for the August 10 opening date will be tight.

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RiverKings head coach gets fired

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Minden RiverKings will be without head-coach Brooks Robinson for the team's second season in the GMHL.

Team owner Roy Randles has officially fired the former bench boss.

The clash seems to have stemmed from a RiverKings camp at the end of May. As head coach, Robinson was unhappy with the results of the tryout and refused to work with the coaching staff in place at the time.

This is where the stories from the two sides begin to differ.

Robinson says he never quit the team but Randles assumed he had. After the camp clash, two men spoke on the phone on a few occasions. The telephone conversations became too heated, and the two men communicated by email. When Randles arrived in Minden from his home in Texas a few weeks ago, the two had the chance to meet face to face and attempt to settle matters.

However, Robinson and Randles were unable to resolve their issues.

As it stands, there still is a discrepancy between Robinson and Randles about

whether Robinson owns 25 per cent of the team.

Randles bought the team in mid-February from Ken Girard and Bob Russell. The story is still posted on the newly designed and updated RiverKings website.

The road has been a rough one for the RiverKings since arriving in the GMHL last season. The combination of a lack of players on the bench, a busy home life, and what was said to be a difference of opinion regarding how the team was run, eventually forced the team's first head coach Mike Jeschke to resign.

Robinson, then the assistant coach, was hired as the head coach and won the first five games in his new role. The team finished the season with a respectable 18-24 record and made the playoffs only to be eliminated in the first round by the Elliot Lake Bobcats.

Local resident Evan Kernohan, who was an assistant coach for the RiverKings late last season, will take over as head coach.

The RiverKings are set to open the 2009/10 season on September 11 in Powassan against the Dragons. The home opener is scheduled for September 20 against the Ville Marie Voyageurs.



Matt James/TIMES

The passionate and fiery Brooks Robinson stands on the bench during a December 2008 RiverKings home game against the Oro Lightning Rams. Robinson won't be the bench this fall as he's been let go by team owner Roy Randles.

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Talent show kicks off Heritage Week



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The revival of the once popular annual Kinmount Talent Show proved to be a perfect kickoff to Heritage Week. A full house enjoyed a great variety of local talent – singing, dancing, guitar/banjo playing, a piano solo and juggling not to mention a side-splitting invasion by the “Dixie Chicks” and their farmer friend who tried unsuccessfully to keep the feathered trio under control.

Lynne Kilby opened the program with a very impressive multi-media Ballad of Kinmount which she wrote and produced complete with wonderful photographs old and new. Master of ceremonies Guy Scott had to be firm handling Jane Austin’s re-

peated [and very funny] interruptions, announcing ideas for her personal heritage projects all of which Guy pointed out had already been done by someone else. It was a special moment, however, when Jane coaxed the strains of Amazing Grace from the majestic Bell pump organ, circa 1897, originally from the Orange Hall on Cluxton Street, Kinmount and just donated back to our town through the thoughtful generosity of the Hewitt family.

Heritage Week, a celebration of Kinmount’s sesquicentennial, continues through August 2 with many more highlights for residents and visitors. This column will appear on Wednesday, July 29 when the brave of heart will meet at the gazebo at 8:30 p.m. to head out on the Ghost Tour with Guy Scott. There is no charge for this event. (Rain date is July 30.) On Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. the popular Music in the Park, sponsored by the Lions Club, continues with guest artist

Washboard Hank & Co. Bring along your lawn chair and settle in by the picnic pavilion at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park for a pleasant evening by the Burnt. Driving in to the parking area be sure to look at how the mill restorations are progressing.

The film festival holds a second viewing (admission by donation) on Friday, July 31 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the community centre with the farmers’ market open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 1 in the Park. While in the nearby station area check out the Kinmount Seniors yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. complete with a bake table, barbecue foods and a silent auction table. Drop by the gazebo where local artist Brenda Mulholland will be exhibiting her work (continues on Sunday) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and visit the model railroad exhibit and museum. On Saturday night dance to the Emily Creek Band at the community centre from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. for only \$10.

A busy Sunday windup to the week begins with local authors and genealogists at the station from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. while at the community centre Ron Brown, author of *The Train Doesn’t Stop Here Anymore*, will have a slide show at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also at the centre Rod Clarke will present on the Toronto & Nipissing Railway arriving in Victoria County in 1872 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. There will be opportunities to explore the rail line by tram leaving from the station at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. or, if preferred, go on a self-guided walking tour. The rubber duck race swims out at 2 p.m. in the park with proceeds in support of the Special Olympics. To close out a great week enjoy the barbecue in the park sponsored by the Kinmount & District Lions Club with proceeds going to the local food bank. Thank

you again to the many volunteers whose dedicated efforts have brought all these events “on board”.

The Kinmount Public Library will host a Sensational Snakes hands-on program this Thursday, July 30 at 11 a.m. Back in 2007 when Clarence the Cat and I encountered an Eastern Hognose snake, the Ministry of Natural Resources wanted information about the exact location of this endangered species. In fact the only endangered species involved was me left with a badly bleeding hand punctured not by the harmless Hognose but by a very excited cat.

June Hunter, events co-ordinator for Burnt River United Church, sends along the following notices. On Saturday, August 1 there will be a giant garage/bake sale at the Burnt River United Church Hall from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with all kinds of bargains and goodies. That same day a giant book sale will be held on the lawn of the Burnt River Library from 9:30 to 3 p.m. with proceeds to support the Burnt River ART/09 Show coming up on Saturday, August 22 at the Burnt River Community Centre. Watch the column for further details about this annual event.

From earlier columns remember to fill in those pledge forms for the Kinmount & District Health Services Foundation’s Journey for Health coming up on Sunday, August 9. For more information give Vic a call at 488-3053. Nominations for the Citizen of the Year must be sent in by August 7 along with a letter explaining why your candidate is worthy of this special recognition. The address for submissions is the Kinmount & District Lions Club, Citizen of the Year Committee, Box 15, Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0. Until next week....

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Emily Parrott sings the song Fifteen at the Kinmount Talent Show.

Many feats for Heritage Week

Photos by Sian Cox

Kinmount's Heritage Week kicked off Friday July 24 with a talent night at the Kinmount Community Centre. An almost full house enjoyed the song and dance performances by folks of all ages. Heritage Week is a celebration of Kinmount's 150 anniversary and includes a variety of events to recognize the history and pride of the community. The events continue right through until August 2, including a ghost tour, film festivals and a dance.



Left: Tony Barol plays guitar and sings spiritual songs at the Kinmount Talent Show.

Above: Tim Person put on a great juggling act.

Below: Barb Leffering is dressed in period costume at the Artisans Marketplace.



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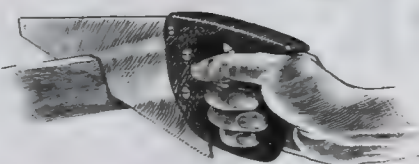
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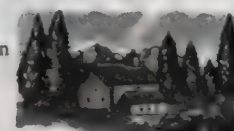


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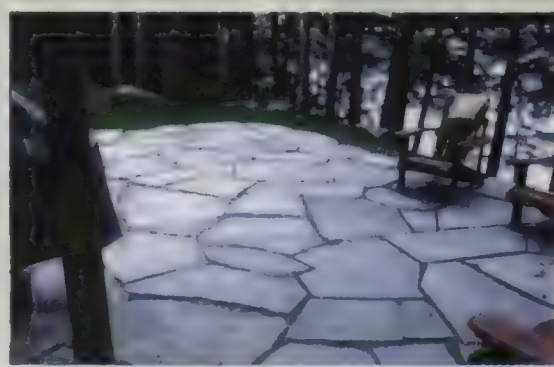
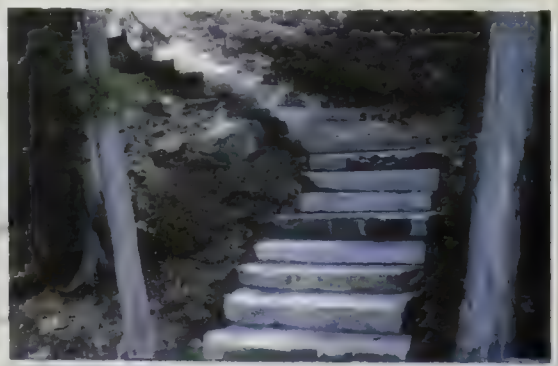
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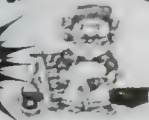
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You are invited to an evening of song on Saturday, August 1 at Twelve Mile Lake Church featuring the music of The Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders (with Wendy Connelly, Don Stiver, Shirley Davis, Betty Hicks, Linda and Doris Robertson and Kelly Jordan). Bring your family and friends (and lawn chairs!) for an hour of great music followed by light refreshments. The

evening begins at 7 p.m. and will end just as the sun begins to set over beautiful Twelve Mile Lake. A collection will be taken in support of the painting and roofing projects sponsored by the Friends of Twelve Mile Lake. Everyone is welcome so please pass the word to friends and neighbours. Special thanks to Pat and Don Stiver for organizing this event. In case of wet weather a rain date will be announced for Labour Day weekend.



Haliburton County Council Notice of Special Meeting

The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a special Council meeting on August 12th, 2009 at approximately 10:00 a.m. for purposes of awarding a Roads Department Tender as well as to authorize a Closed Session of Council for purposes of discussing the Minden EMS Base location.

All meetings are held in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
County of Haliburton

Notices

NOTICES & TENDERS FOR:



SEE PAGE 9 IN
TODAY'S PAPER



Frank Chambers, whose family ties to Twelve Mile Lake Church go back generations, and his son Bob have been working on its restoration. This Saturday night they are helping to host an evensong there.

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The Timberframe Structure is to be sold on an "AS IS - WHERE IS" basis and has a reserve bid of \$7,500. Offer forms and specification details are available at the Purchasing Department, Room 423 Sutherland Campus, Brealey Building, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario and the Haliburton Campus, 297 College Dr., Haliburton, Ontario.

Bids to be submitted by Friday, August 21, 2009 no later than 12 p.m. to:

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Attn: Cindy English

REF# HAL09-06

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Viewing Contact: Shelley Schell (705) 457-1680 x. 6730
Location: Haliburton Campus, 297 College Drive,
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For further information, please contact Cindy English, (705) 749-5520, Ext 1608 or Shelley Schell, (705) 457-1680 Ext 6730.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Open House on

DATE: Friday August 28th, 2009
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the Public Open House will be to consider an update to the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to review the first draft of the Official Plan policies. County Staff and members of the Consultant Team will be on hand to receive comments and answer questions.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Open House and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of draft Official Plan policies can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department after August 15th, 2009 or by visiting the County website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca and following the links from News & Public Notices: Official Plan - 5 Year Review. Information regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 20th day of July, 2009.

For additional information please contact:
Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Director of Planning
County of Haliburton
11 Newcastle Street
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Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The Dorset Library is hosting a special event this Wednesday, July 29 called Meet and Greet starting at 1 p.m. It will feature Jan McDonald, chair of the Algonquin Cooperative Development Co-op, who will be discussing "Our Community, Our Future." Next week join Dorset resident and dog trainer Patt Rosewarne as she talks about how to choose and train a puppy.

The Dorset Recreation Centre is proud to offer their 19th summer of day camp activities for boys and girls ages 5 to 12, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Children are welcome to drop in for a half day, a full day a full week or more. Please call ahead to ensure space is available and to avoid disappointment.

All children aged five to 12 are welcome including visitors to the area and those from surrounding townships (no premiums for non-residents charged in Dorset!).

Dorset Day Camp leaders are experienced, well trained, certified life guards and offer safe indoor and outdoor activities, theme days, field trips, swimming, hiking, library time, games and arts and crafts.

For more information, contact the recreation centre at 705-766-9968 or drop in for a visit, to meet staff and check out the recreation centre's great facilities. Camp runs to August 21 (no camp on the holiday, Monday, August 3).



Saturday, July 18 the cottagers of Kawagama Lake along with Mountain Trout House Marina, held the second annual "Rock on the Dock or Float in Your Boat" concert to raise money in support of the Dorset Fire Department. Although the weather was cool, more than 150 cottagers raised \$825. Mountain Trout House Marina matched every dollar donated so that the total amount raised was \$1,650. "The Dorset Fire Department is always there when we need them" said Dawn Abel, owner of Mountain Trout House. "They have personally helped me during an accident and I don't think we can do enough for them in return. Dorset is the great community that it is because of volunteers like these." Clint MacKay, fire chief said it is because of donations like this that most of the equipment used in Dorset has been purchased without taxpayer funds. Abel said this will continue to be an annual event on Kawagama Lake.

On July 29 at the recreation centre, join Dorset Day Camp staff Logan and Jenny who will be leading Dorset's Kid's Crafts for kids ages five to 12. Admission is \$2 per child and all materials are supplied. Give the Recreation Centre a call for more information at 766-9968. August 5 Logan and Jenny will be hosting Family Campfire Night at the Dorset Parkette.

Take advantage of the Dorset Recreation Centre's great location and join in the huge community garage sale taking place on Saturday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 a table - call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968 to reserve your spot.

There will be an Arts and Crafts Show in the Dorset parkette (Hwy 35) on Sunday, August 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this craft show is a wonderful celebration of all that is hand made, beautiful and unique. Organizers ensure that all items are hand made and are presented by a variety of artisans from the area.

The Dorset Lions Club will be participating in the show offering baked goods for sale. Proceeds of their bake sale go towards community betterment.

Items at the show will include paintings, hand made dolls, pewter jewellery and ornaments, pottery, bird houses and wreaths, unique frames, knitting, bath products, tooled leather items, stained glass, hand made wooden toys, hand turned wooden bowls and carved decoys to name a few. For more information, contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Special wishes for the week of July 26 to August 1 go out to Alicia Galloway, Brent Card, Alex Hamilton and Happy Anniversary to Sue and Bill Schiedel. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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Presently at Pine Reflections, I have three very interesting books written by our talented neighbour, Fred Gregory.

As a fairly new resident to Carnarvon, I found the books fascinating! I say "new" because it will take many more years than 14 to be part of the web of history that exists in our quaint little town of Carnarvon.

Shortly after moving up here, we had gas pumps and the little gift shop which previously used to be known as Nikki's Nic Nac Shoppe. (Whew, I don't know if I have the spelling right on that.)

Anyways, I had a visitor ask me where the middle of town was, and I replied, "Just about where you are standing!"

Let's get back to Fred Gregory's three books. There are more, but right now this is what we carry here.

Carnarvon Ski Club is a booklet written about the ski hill that existed in the 60's that met with a tragic end.

A Year in the Life of Alfred Walter "Pop" Moore 1906 chronicles a year in the life of this interesting man in diary form complete with historical pictures.

Herbs by Herb is a detailed booklet covering many interesting facts and uses about herbs with felt pen drawings and colouring of popular herbs, and some not so popular, by Herbert E. "Jack" Gregory

Jack used to own Carnarvon Garage before the Fletchers and we purchased the place from them. It definitely came from good hands.

We met Jack a few years before he died and were amazed on how sharp he was in his 90s. He actually gave us grief over the fact that we closed the place at 6 p.m. Yes, he did give us stories about "back in his day."



Belle and Cosmo, Atkinson's dogs, make some music howling at the moon.

Notice, that I didn't give you very much info on the books? They are here for you to purchase and enjoy!

Time to sit on the patio at the Rockcliffe again! Mark Christiano and Craig of the Ya Babys, will be performing many favourite songs August 1 between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. You won't be disappointed!

The Stanhope 2009 Triathlon that you have all been waiting for is scheduled for Saturday, August 15.

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You can get more information at www.stanhopefire.org.

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Doesn't that sound great?

A reminder that the Time & Talent Auction at the Zion United Church here on West Road is coming up Tuesday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m.

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- JULY 28 - JULY 31: HIGHLANDS SUMMER FESTIVAL** - Six great weeks of summer theatre featuring the musical 'Annie', the touching comedy from the sixties. Butterflies are free, and the laugh out loud fun of 'Play On'. Also on the playbill are two concerts featuring music from classical to contemporary with well-known local performers Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens, plus some surprise performers at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Haliburton. For more information contact 705-457-9933 or email bicket@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca
- JULY 28: PILATES CLASSES (BASIC MAT METHOD)** - Session 2 (8 classes) runs from July 28th - August 20th from 8:45 p.m.-9:45 p.m on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca for more information.
- JULY 29: KID'S CRAFTS NIGHT** - Running from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca
- JULY 29 - JULY 30: MINDEN ROTARY CARNIVAL** - For more information contact County Information Centre 705-286-1777 or email toursm@county.haliburton.on.ca
- JULY 29: STEWARDSHIP DISCOVERY DAYS - SSSSTUPENDOUS SNAKES!** - Presented by Jenny Pearce, BSc from Sciensational Ssnakes!! at the R.D. Lawrence Place. Join us and get up close and personal with a Garter Snake, a Water Snake, an Eastern Hog-Nosed Snake and others. These special guests will help us understand these wonderful creatures and help us learn. Space is limited. Adults \$15.00 Children \$8.00 Family \$30.00. For more information call 705-286-5201 or email shirley.davidson@ontario.ca
- JULY 29: INSIDE SCOOP ON PAINTING OUTSIDE** - Presented by Haliburton School of the Arts - Fleming College. Join John Anderson in the Great Hall at Fleming College - Haliburton Campus for stories of adventures encountered while painting in the great outdoors. Admission is free. For more information call 705-457-2255 or email contact@HaliburtonSchoolOfTheArts.ca
- JULY 30: CRUISE-IN WITH THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TIME TRAVELLERS** - Held at the Kawartha Dairy Minden. Come take a trip down memory lane. Some of the most exceptionally restored cars from the past. Share their stories and precious piece of the past or register your own classic car, all cars welcome 25 years or older. Starts mid June to Labour Day 6:30 p.m.-dusk.
- JULY 31: GOODERHAM HORSESHOE DAYS** - Huge penny sale, a large variety of vendors, horseshoe tournament, spaghetti dinner, live band, rock climbing, 50/50 draw, demolition derby, kids rides, etc. Located at the Gooderham Community Centre. Donna Graham 705-447-3280
- JULY 31: HIGHLAND YARD** - Minden Ontario 6:00 p.m. The 'Yard' is a long standing tradition for Haliburton Highlands cottagers and residents. Each year the run raises much-needed funds to help send kids to camp. Serious runners are welcome and we encourage them to participate and enjoy our race. The Highland Yard is meant for runners of all ages and abilities. 10k run/walk, 5k run/walk, 5k team, and 2k family walk. For more information see website www.amicicharity.org, call 416-588-8026 or email info@amicicharity.org
- JULY 31 - AUGUST 2: STAR WATCHERS ASTRONOMY CAMP** (Ages 10-15) - Presented by Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. Come explore the skies at Haliburton Forest! This two-night camp offers the chance to learn about many different aspects of Astronomy. Campers will have the chance to build their own kit of astronomer's tools, will learn about the science and mythology of Astronomy, and have the chance to observe the skies using one or more of our three Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes. 4:00 p.m. Friday to 11:00 a.m. Sunday. For more information call 705-754-2198 or email haliburtonforest@sympatico.ca
- JULY 31: TASTES OF HALIBURTON** - Presented by Yours Outdoors. This fully guided home-grown taste tour of the Haliburton Highlands includes an informative wild edibles hike, a visit to a fruit and maple winery, a local organic farm and a chance to make your own Haliburton Tortiere or Maple Syrup Pie. Tour includes free samples! Cap off the day with an optional fine dining experience, Haliburton-Style! 1 week advanced registration please. Contact Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca for more details.
- JULY 31: SUMMER SIZZLE-THREE STUDIOS TEN HANDS** - This event features three pottery studios with different and distinctive styles of pottery. Earth and Fire Pottery, Studio Rose and Rickie Woods. Pottery offer decorative and functional work in reduction, raku and oxidation. August long weekend from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Each day. For more information contact Rickie Woods 705-286-1556 or email rickie.woods@gmail.com
- JULY 31: THE TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY (TM)** - Demos in the park every Friday at 11:30 am, until the end of August, weather permitting. In Head Lake Park near the Rails End Gallery. Come join us in the gentle exercise form of Tai Chi. For information please call Brenda at 447-2148.
- AUGUST 1: COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** - Held at the Dorset Recreation Centre August 1st from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information call 705-754-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca
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- AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 30: 'MEMORIES OF MINDEN' EXHIBITION** - Presented by the Minden Hills Museum this photo, print and artifact exhibit highlights the history of Minden and it's people. The exhibit is included with regular museum admission. \$2 adult, \$1 child under 12, family \$5 allows you access to all museum buildings. Contact the Museum at 705-286-3154 or email museum@mindenhills.ca
- AUGUST 1: HMSS THUNDERER to GODDERHAM** - Discover R.D. Lawrence's roots and what motivated this award-winning writer's passion for rehabilitating wild animals at his private sanctuaries. Contact Sheryl Loucks 705-286-2298, email rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca or see www.mindenculturalcentre.com
- AUGUST 1: MINDEN FRINGE at WINTERGREEN** - Playwrights workshop Minden invites you to 2009 Minden Fringe. The \$35 package includes dinner and two performances at the fabulous Wintergreen Pancake House in Minden. Dinner at 7:00 p.m., performances at 8:00 p.m. Admission by reservation only for the dinner and theatre package. For more information call 705-457-9933 or email bicket@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca
- AUGUST 1: KUSHOG LAKE PICNIC** - Join us at the Pine Spring Valley Resort from 11 am - 3 pm for land and water activities for children and adults. Bring your bathing suits, lawn chairs and your neighbours.
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- AUGUST 1, 3: ANNUAL NEWFANGLERS ART FESTIVAL** - Featuring more than 30 emerging youth artists, performers and musicians. Come and experience the radical talent of the up and coming generation. See live performances, demonstrations, a fashion show and original art for sale. More music, more draws and wackier things to see. For more information contact Tiffany Howe 705-457-1852 or email tiffany_howe@hotmail.com
- AUGUST 1: NORTH OF KAWAGAMOG to ALGONQUIN ATV RIDE** - Presented by the Haliburton ATV Association. Intermediate ride. Meet at Dorset picnic area 10:00 a.m. right on #35 at the turnoff to the town of Dorset. Rides (unless otherwise stated) require HATVA membership or trail pass. Buy your pass or membership BEFORE you show up. Email tylerkuiken@hotmail.com
- AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 29: RELATE'09 - JUNE STONE, STEVE HUDAK & SHELLEY BEACH** - Presented by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Opening reception Friday July 10th at 4:00 p.m. It is the goal of this exhibition to document the relationship between the observer and each artist's work through discussion, debate and dialogue by different methods of interaction in order to give a better understanding to the public about art today, artists and their relationship with observers and the public art galleries' role in creating relationships between artists and observers. Contact the Gallery at 705-286-3763 or email gallery@mindenhills.ca
- AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 8: CAMP WANAKITA RESIDENT CAMP PERIOD C2:** Adventure and exploration, fun and challenge. Prices and availability vary. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information call 705-457-2132 or email info@ymca-wanakita.on.ca
- AUGUST 2: MOUNTAIN LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION PICNIC & SWIM** - The Mountain Lake Property owner's Association Picnic and Swim will be held August 2nd the swimmers must be accompanied by a boat. Registration for the swim begins at 1:30 p.m. Swim starts at 1:30 p.m. Picnic runs from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Games, fun, and food at the Landing! For more information contact 705-286-1241
- AUGUST 2: NORTHLAND FAITH CHURCH is inviting YOU to FOOD and FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WEBSTERS** - Join us at 6pm, followed by an outdoor concert in southern gospel music at Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Geleit Rd. Bring your lawn chair. For more information please call 457-2904
- AUGUST 2: ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW** - Held at the Dorset Parkette this arts & Crafts show runs August 2nd from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information call 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca
- AUGUST 2: HORSESHOE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL KIDS ROCK BASS DERBY** - Join us at the Winter's Cottage. For children and teens up to 18 years. Phone 457-0654 at 9 am on Sunday to register. Come at 2 pm to pay and weigh your catch. \$2 registration fee.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
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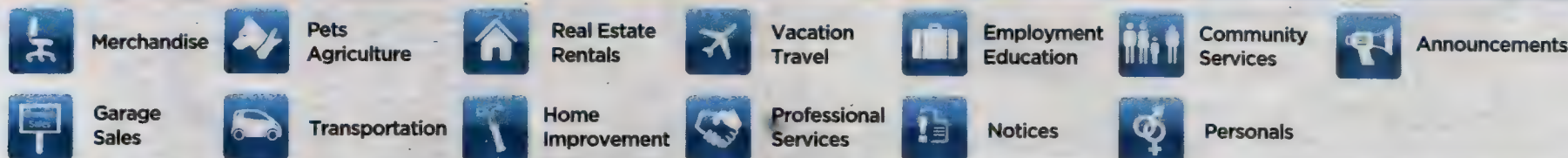
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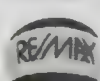
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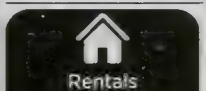
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Dragons, Snakes and Lizards

J & K Reptiles of Orillia will bring a collection of reptiles so people can learn about their habitat, habits, food, diet, size, danger if any and which ones can make great pets. You will also have a chance to have your picture taken with some of the little critters! Some of the creatures you may have a chance to meet are Frankie the Frilled Dragon, Crumb the California King, Rick the Savannah Monitor, Crusher the Carpet Python or Sam the Sudan Plated Lizard and many more of their friends. J & K Reptiles will have these guys on display from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with two in-depth presentations, one at 11 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. at the bandstand. A big thanks to the Gooderham Committee for Kids for sponsoring this attraction.

Arden and the Tourists

A change of entertainment for Saturday evening will bring dancing feet to the dance floor on August 1. Arden and the Tourists, a very talented band from Toronto, will entertain the crowd with a great variety of music. They play a wonderful sampling of music from pop, country, retro, dance, classic rock, '50s and '60s swing, nostalgia to disco. A list of their music can be found on the Horseshoe Days wall at the post office or you can hear a sample on ardenandthetourists.com. Arden's warm personality and amazing vocals combined with the talent of the Tourists is sure to entertain and please just about anyone.

Family Friday July 3

- Gable Bros. midway opens approx. 5 p.m.
- Grand fireworks display at dusk! Glow products, treats and face painting available.

Saturday August 1

- Firefighter's Fundraising Breakfast 7:30 – 10 a.m. in the Community Centre \$6 per adult \$3 per child. Great Canadian breakfast menu. \$1 coffee all day too!
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- J & K Reptiles 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Your chance to get up close to some wild and exotic creatures.
- Kids Parade: 11:30 a.m. Dress up, bring your bike, skateboard, roller blades, wagons and more. Prizes.
- Michou the Clown 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lots of giggles, face painting, balloons and more!
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Ouch! It's got to hurt when they land. Wrestling returns to Gooderham's Horseshoe Days at noon on Saturday, August 1. Better than that, it's free.

Sunday, August 2

- Firefighter's Fundraising Breakfast 8 – 11 a.m. Community Centre \$6 per adult, \$3 per child.
- Demo Derby – 1 p.m. Gates open 11 a.m. Admission \$5 per person.
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Same road, same rights

The new Share the Road safety campaign aims to build "wheel" co-operation between cyclists and motorists in Haliburton County.

The most visible sign of the campaign is just that – Share the Road signs that will be installed along roadways in Haliburton County.

The signs are designed to remind drivers and cyclists that they need to be respectful of each other's place on the road. The campaign also features paid advertising, bike skills workshops, installation of more bike racks to support commuter cycling, and other awareness efforts.

"Same roads...same rules...same rights. That's what the Share the Road campaign is all about," says Dave Burton, the warden of Haliburton County.

The county, with the support of its four local municipalities, is spearheading the Share the Road campaign. Other partners in the campaign include the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition, Communities in Action Committee, Ontario Provincial Police, U-Links

Centre for Community-Based Research, and the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Jim Wilson, the county's chief administrative officer, says the Share the Road campaign is based on the area's geographic reality and the growing popularity of cycling.

"It's in Haliburton County's rural nature that residents in our villages, hamlets and townships are spread out over large distances," he says. "With very few separate, dedicated bike trails in the county, the reality is that more cyclists are riding on two-lane roads and sharing the space with drivers."

Since bicycles are considered vehicles under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, cyclists have a right to ride on public roadways, notes Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and a member of the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition. "But with that right comes the responsibility to be safe rider who respects the rules of the road."

In ads to run as part of the Share the

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Safety campaign urges cyclists and motorists to share road space and respect each other's place.

Road campaign, cyclists are encouraged to ride straight in a predictable manner, be visible by wearing bright colours and using lights at night, bike on the right with traffic, signal all turns, and obey all traffic laws. Motorists are urged to slow down, not to honk at cyclists, yield to bikes when turning, give one metre clearance when passing a cyclist, and to only pass when the road ahead is clear.

"By making all road users aware of each other's rights and responsibilities, the conditions will become safer for cycling in the Highlands," says Shikaze,

an avid cyclist herself.

With the recent Commuter Challenge in Haliburton County and a number of other local cycling events taking place this summer, Shikaze is hopeful more people will consider parking their vehicles and getting on two wheels, especially on the way to work and school. As she notes: "Cycling has many health benefits for you and is good for the environment too."

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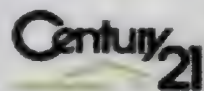
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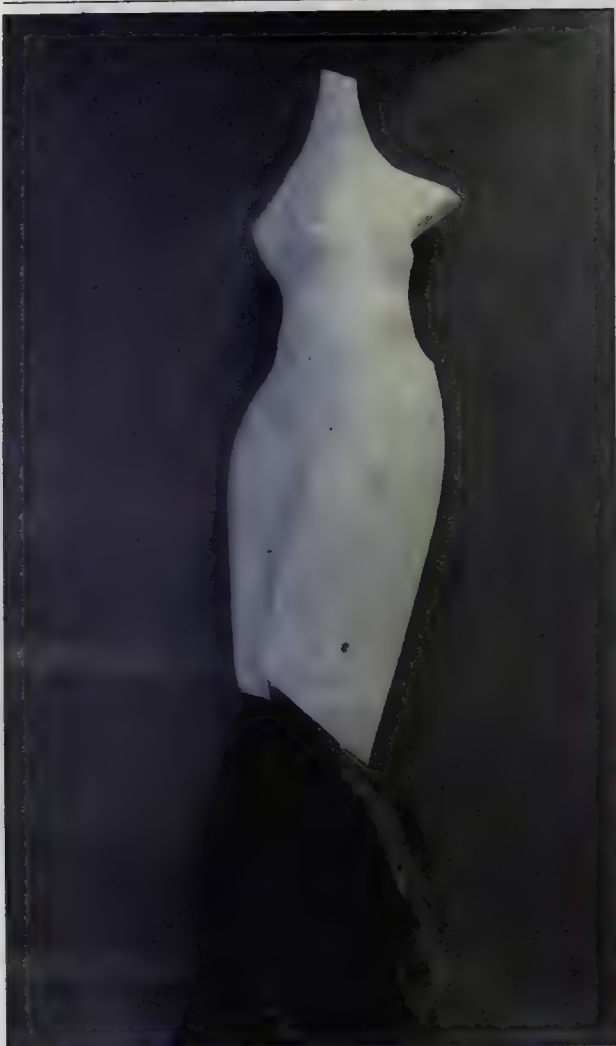
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The Haliburton School of the Arts Faculty Arts Auction is Thursday, August 6 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Haliburton campus of Fleming College.

There are a couple of notable pieces in this year's auction. County native George Pratt has donated a stone carving, Female Figure in Marble (left) and Brian Atyeo has donated an original acrylic painting (right) from his Jazz Series entitled "Moon in June".

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Postill and Howe called out for budding young talent, and the call was answered in a big way! More than 30 fine artists and craftspeople, performers, and musicians came together for two days to create a spectacle.

Newfangers is billed to take place on August 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1123 Dennison Rd, off Horseshoe Lake Road, Carnarvon.

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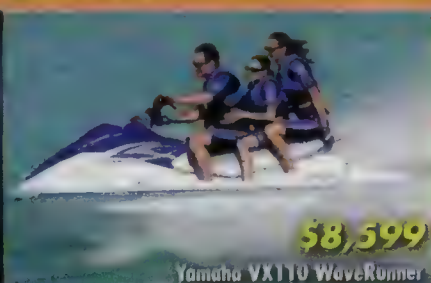
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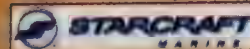


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You'd think that Hank DeBruin and his sons Logan and Dustyn had a death wish when they took Steve Galea and Jenn Watt on a Winterdance canoe trek.

Resting in peace

Awkward Moments humour column by Steve Galea • Photos by Matt James

"Are you thinking what I'm thinking?" asked fellow reporter Jenn Watt.

"I don't know. Are you thinking of the socio-economic implications of worm poop on the sixth century Byzantine Empire," I replied.

"Uh, no," she mumbled.

"How about what happens when a rattlesnake farts?" I continued. "I mean, do you think it negates the rattle or speeds it right up?"

"Actually I was wondering why Perkins has been so nice to us today?"

"How very odd," I muttered.

Yet it was also true. Parsimonious Perkins the meanest editor to ever to disemvowel a sentence, had been unusually kind to us. Grinning, I recalled the way she greeted me that very morning.

"Galea," she said, "today someone called you a short, bloated, repugnant, balding, unintelligent, vacuous dunderhead. And, you know, I told them it was not a fair characterization - you're not all that bloated."

It was the kindest thing she had ever said to me.

I'm not sure why she was in such a chipper mood. Perhaps it was the meeting she had with that travelling life insurance salesman. All I know is, after that, she kept looking at us and smiling.

"You know something. You two deserve a day of rest," she said as she waved two new insurance policies in the air.

"Rest?" Jenn sputtered as she reached for a dictionary to look the word up.

"That's right, a day when you can both finally rest in peace," Perkins giggled as she kissed the policies. It was then that I noticed they had our names on them.

Then in a fit of uncharacteristic thoughtfulness,

Perkins volunteered to organize a relaxing day off for us. Sadly, her efforts to purchase a barrel and bus fare to Niagara Falls fell through. And, much to her chagrin, she discovered that we were too late to run with the bulls in Pamplona. Similarly, a driving tour of Baghdad was prohibitively expensive.

Feeling bad about it all, she then tried to line us up a complimentary seafood platter, but she balked when she found that local vendors carried stock that was far too fresh. "Seafood ages like a fine wine," she assured us. "I won't settle for anything less than week-old squid for you two."

Despite the fact that there was no seafood, both Jenn and I suspected something was fishy.

"Jenn," I said, as we left her office, "the insurance

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policies... the sudden pretense of kindness.... do you think?"

Suddenly, she blanched.

"I think we ought to lie low for a while," I said.

"Yes," she agreed, "we need to find a remote location where Perkins won't ever think of finding me."

"You mean us."

An awkward silence followed.

So it was that Watt and I delivered ourselves into the capable hands of Hank DeBruin, his two sons Logan and Dustyn, and Fraser Newton, all of Winterdance Dogsled Tours. If anyone knew how to survive it was these guys.

Still, there was some confusion as to the activities they had in store.

"So there's no dogsledding then?" I asked as our guides unloaded the canoes.

"We only do that in winter when there's snow on the ground and ice on the lakes," Fraser explained, for some reason sounding out his words slowly. "In summer, we canoe."

"Oh my God, you've taught the dogs to paddle?"

Apparently not.

The rest of the afternoon was what you'd call magical. Led by our intrepid guides, Jenn and I paddled our canoe - sometimes even in the same direction - to the far end of a beautiful lake.

For some unknown reason, Jenn particularly liked the portaging part. But I suspect she didn't truly understand the concept since she insisted we portage across every bay. She mostly enjoyed the ones in which the water was over my head and often insisted that we do them over and over again. Luckily, all that time working together in our tiny broom closet office had trained me to hold my breath.

Following our guides, we pushed deeper and deeper into the wilderness until we found a place that looked so wholesome and isolated that we were certain Perkins wouldn't look there.

Content, we lay there with our backs to a dried-up waterfall.

"Hank," I said, as we lay with our backs against the warm dry rocks, "what do they call this place?"

"I bet it's a beautiful and romantic name," Jenn said dreamily. "No doubt the words are lyrical, evocative, and flowing. They probably describe the spirituality, beauty, and peacefulness of this place. Please Hank, tell me the name, but say it slowly. I want to savour it and etch its poetic shape in my mind's eye so it will be there when I am old."

"We call it Moose Piss Falls," he answered.

"Interesting," I muttered. "Jenn, is it etched yet?"

I had hardly finished that thought when a wandering herd of incontinent moose gathered somewhere upstream. No need to go into details. Suffice it to say, Jenn wanted to spend the remainder of our time swimming and scrubbing herself with the coarse rocks she wasn't throwing at me.

Suddenly, as we sat there on a point, eating berries, a pleasant thought occurred to me.

"Perkins won't kill us!" I exclaimed.

"Why? Is it because of the illegalities, the moral implications, or because deep down under all that evil she's essentially a good person, kind of like Darth Vader?"

"Remember your last paycheque?" I asked.

"You're right," Watt said. "She'll never find anyone else to work as cheap as we do."

With that we headed home. After all, our time was at a premium too.

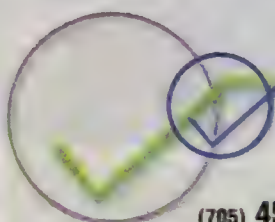
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Ummmm, do you think anyone should tell Watt and Galea that you portage when you're on dry land?



All of a sudden, Watt and Galea found themselves awash in the flowing waters of Moose Piss Falls.



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Day-tripping around Highlands East

Column by Jenn Watt

Unlike many other municipalities, Highlands East is one of many communities. From Gooderham to Wilberforce to Cardiff and all points in between there are small clusters of artisans, picturesque roads, lakes and streams.

The Day-Tripper Adventure Guide for the first time connects all of those places for the local resident, cottager and tourist alike.

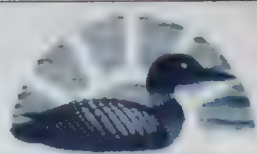
Published by the Highlands East Cultural Association with funds from the municipality, along with local businesses, the day-tripper guide takes the reader to places of historical interest, ghost towns, studios, parks and beaches and on journeys around the vast and beautiful landscape.

There is also a comprehensive events listing as well as information on ongoing events such as farmers'

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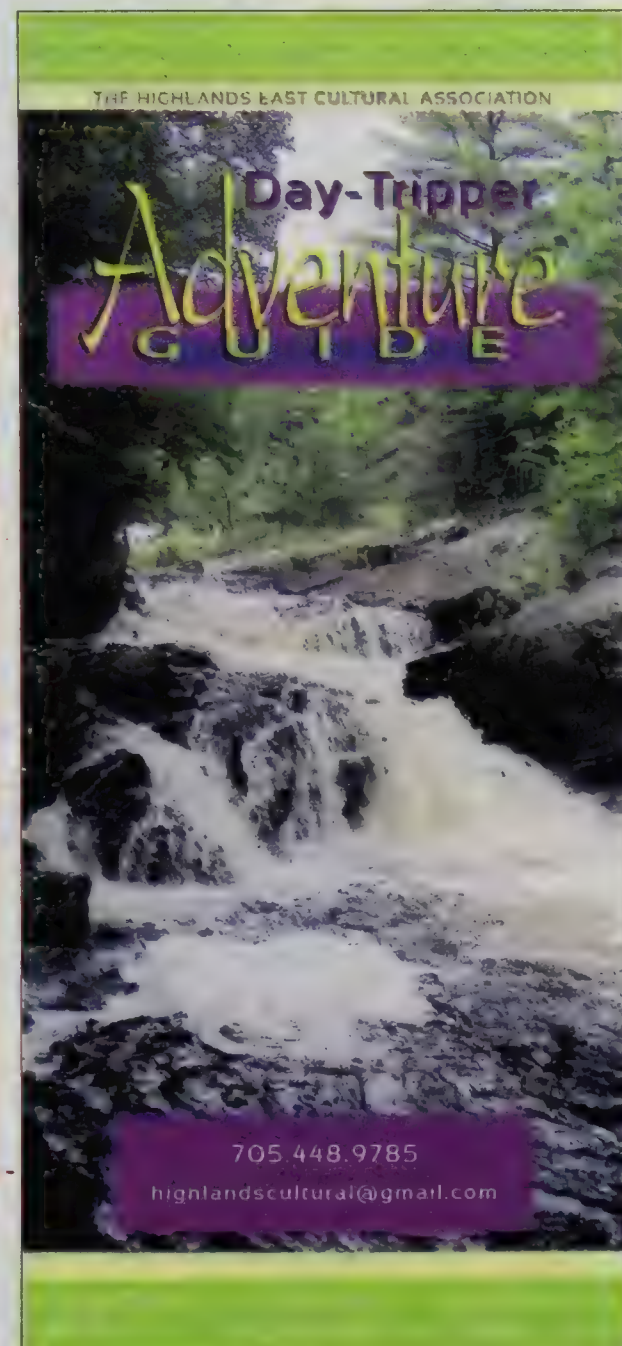
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Summer lights up at Haliburton carnival

Story by Martha Perkins • Photo by Matt James

Nothing says summer in Haliburton like the Haliburton Rotary Carnival.

Traditionally held the Wednesday after the August civic holiday, the carnival is a sentimental favourite with residents and cottagers. For one day, Head Lake Park in Haliburton transforms itself from an idyllic green space to a throbbing hive of activity with the lights of the midway, the aromas of popcorn and the Haliburton Rotary Club's beef on a bun, the cheers of the crowd rooting for their favourite canoe team and the oohs and aahs of the hundreds of people who gather at dusk to marvel at the beautiful fireworks display.

And let's not forget the carnival parade, which winds its way through Haliburton's downtown core starting at 7 p.m. This year's theme is Wild About Nature and if you want to enter a float, please contact Beth Tuck at 457-4805.

Carnival chair Traci Hubbert says that the advantage of having a one-day carnival is that it gives people a reason to come into town. Weekends are already busy in the Highlands and a Wednesday carnival adds an

extra spark. Admission to the park is free.

The midway opens at 2 p.m. on August 5 and will keep going until after the fireworks. The canoe challenge between local camps starts at 2 p.m., and it's always fun to see the camp kids camp it up for their team.

Returning this year is the Rotary Voyageur Cup Challenge. Starting at 5 p.m., teams of 10 paddle their war canoe across Head Lake. Last year's winner was the Haliburton Rotary Club. Two experienced paddlers are on board to help steer the course. The cost for a team of 10 is \$200.

There's lots to eat at the park while you meet with friends and enjoy the festivities. The spectacular fireworks display will compete with the stars for brilliance at dusk.

To wrap up the day, everyone's attention will turn to the annual car draw. Will this be your year to win either a Pontiac G6 or \$25,000 in cash? Tickets are available from Rotarians at various locations throughout the village.

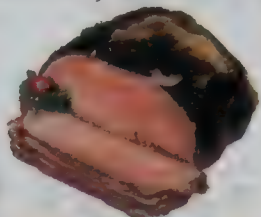


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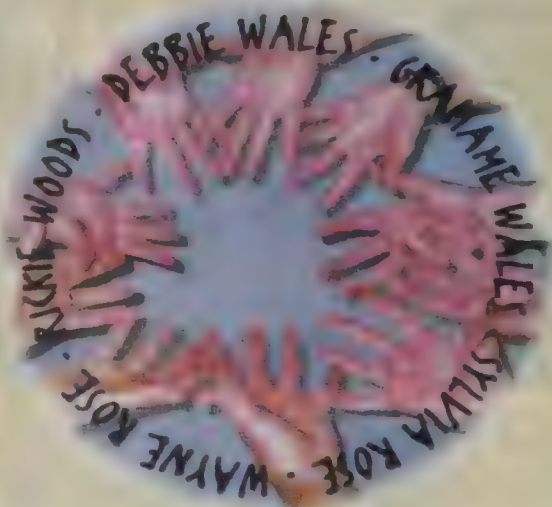
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Space is limited to 30 people, so to register for this day please contact Minden Government Information Centre at 705-286-1521. The cost is adults \$15, children \$8 and \$30 for families of four.

Also look out for the next discovery day on "Predators: To Kill for a Living" on Wednesday, August 12.

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Summer camp can change a kid's life

Who knew seven years ago that Morgan would end up going to leadership training at Camp Medeba?

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This will be his seventh year attending at camp. He is now a confident young man, motivated to save for leadership camp next year, has enhanced his social skills and made a number of friendships. His mother is very grateful for the opportunity her son was given to attend camp each year.

This year the Haliburton County Camp Fund is sponsoring 18 youth with physical, developmental, social or behavioural challenges to attend local residential or day camp programs. We are fortunate that some local camps like Camp Can Aqua have generously donated three campers' spots.

The cost of providing the other 15 camp registration fees is \$8,500.

There is a staggering number of county children who would like to attend summer camp, but whose families could never afford it.

According to University of Waterloo research, "Camp settings allow children to experience independence from their parents in a safe, monitored and supportive environment...The variety of activities and the freedom to choose what they participate in allows campers to choose levels of risk they are comfortable with while the supportive and fun environment encourages them to move outside their normal comfort zone."

Dr. Stephen Fine notes that there are a number of benefits to kids attending camp including increase in levels of health and wellbeing, self esteem, independence, leadership and friendship.

Marilou Mizzan, co-ordinator of the Camp Fund, notes that "over the last 22 years we have sent more than 500 children from Haliburton County to local



Haliburton County Camp Fund sponsors 18 youth to local summer camps.

camps. The difference that camp has made in these children's lives extends way beyond the week or two they attend camp and has life changing impact. The improved confidence that occurs by mastering skills, the increased self esteem that comes from increased independence and friendships can last a life time."

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time centre, says "The community has been extremely generous at supporting the Haliburton County Camp Fund and with the economic downturn assistance is needed more than ever to help

give these kids that life changing camp experience. We are able to issue tax deductible receipts and every donation puts us closer to our target. We are half way there and with the community's generosity we can ensure that these kids get the camp experience they need."

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Laugh on!

Summer festival ends with a good giggle

Story and photo by Martha Perkins

The cast of *Play On!* is having a hard time trying not to laugh. Not only is the comedy, which opened Monday night at the Highlands Summer Festival, full of very funny lines, it also pokes fun of people, like them, who perform amateur theatre.

But if the actors think the play is funny, just wait until the audiences react.

"It's such a clever play," says veteran local actor David Mills, who plays Henry Benish, the long-suffering husband of the diva of a small town theatre troupe.

Mills's real-life wife is Betty Mills. She's the executive director of Highlands Summer Festival. She warns people who have tickets to see *Play On!* that they'd better be prepared to laugh. "If you don't take Kleenex to wipe your eyes you'll be sorry."

Play On! is about the rehearsal and opening night of a new murder mystery called *Murder Most Foul*. Revenge is a dish best served in front of an audience



Play On! is a very funny comedy about a group of small-town actors rehearsing for, and then performing in, a new murder mystery. Strong ensemble acting gives the last play of the 2009 Highlands Summer Festival a natural feel. From left: Jasmin Purnell, David Mills, Jordyn Archer, Lauren McInnes, Benton Brown and Tim Nicholson.

because Rick Abbot's play is a hilarious send-off to all the different character types one meets in small town theatre.

The large ensemble cast – there are 10 of them to cope with – can't believe the way that the play mimics real life and also brings out absurd juxtapositions

between the actors in real life and the actors they play on stage.

For instance, Jordyn Archer plays Violet Imbry, a vacuous but beautiful young actress who can't remember her lines. During the interview, Jordyn giggles because she can't remember Violet's last name. But, as fellow actress Lauren McInnes points out, "Jordyn plays the dumb actress but I think she has every comma and every word in the script memorized."

Real-life and stage-life converge when it comes to Violet's romantic involve-

ment in *Play On!* Violet and her par-amour Billy Carewe have to kiss on stage. Billy is played by Benton Brown, Jordyn's real-life boyfriend.

"We have to practise [the kissing scene] a lot," Jordyn smiles. (Benton has also asked for extra rehearsal time.)

McInnes says that when she sees the young actors kiss on stage, "It looks like they practise a lot."

Audiences might have a hard time recognizing McInnes, who's having a busier than usual summer with Highlands Summer Festival. She was in the sold-

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Festival's *Play On!* pokes fun at small-town theatre

out hit *Annie*, and is also one of the talented musicians who perform *Limerick* (the last performance is July 31). In *Play On!*, she was cast against type, of course, as a diva as in "The opera ain't over till the fat lady sings." McInnes has the operatic voice in real life but costumer Melissa Stephens has created a fat suit for her to wear as Polly.

As easy as it's been to laugh during the rehearsals – in fact, Mills says, the early challenge was not to break up with laughter – the cast has found it more of a challenge to do comedy than expected.

Karen Frybort, who plays a paratrooper turned stage manager, says "I like that all you have to do is react." The characters are so real to life that you just have to act naturally. And yet it's not natural for her to go from boot-camp barking at the cast to being a sniveling mass

of injured ego.

Mills says "comedy is hard when the timing is critical. You just have to keep going."

"I'm having a blast," he adds. Comparing his dual role of Henry/Lord Dudley in *Play On!* to his role in last summer's two-person drama *Trying*, Mills says he was surprised by how seriously he had to take acting in a comedy. "I'm working harder in this play than I did with *Trying*."

He's deeply impressed with the acting abilities of Kathryn Boyd, his co-star in *Trying* and the director in *Play On!* She's a central character in *Play On!* and has to keep the cast on track when it comes to knowing when it's play time and when it's real-life time. (When, as the fictional director, she tells the *Murder Most Foul* cast to go back to one of Billy's lines, Boyd does it with such

authority that, at one point, McInnes thought she was talking to the *Play On!* cast. McInnes thumbed back a few pages in the script only to find the rest of the cast moving on to the next lines.)

All of the cast has been deeply impressed by the way real-life director Greg Peterson has let them revel in all the play's silliness and yet show them how to make it into a real performance. Peterson is the head of Sheridan College's music theatre program.

"He brings the best out of all our people," says Betty Mills, who also credits festival director Scot Denton for choosing such a brilliant play.

Now, Mills says, all the cast needs is a real-life audience. After spending all this time laughing at each other, the cast needs someone to laugh at them.

And laugh you will at *Play On!* It runs July 28 to 30 and August 4 to 7 at the Northern Lights Pavilion (the 225-seat theatre within the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton.) Tickets are available by calling 457-9933 or emailing tickets@highlandsummerfestival.on.ca. Online booking is also available at www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca.

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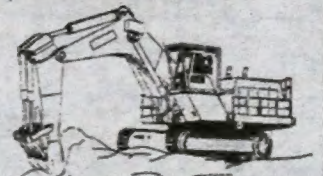
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Through new eyes

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The boy's eyes lit up as he watched the heron hunt the shallows. All conversation suddenly ceased and he remained as silent as the bird, holding his breath as it slipped through the swaying emerald rushes in a painfully slow and patient rhythm, barely rippling the water as its scaly legs lifted high and stepped forward.

It was something I had observed countless times in passing but now the boy reminded me, once again, that there is an inexplicable magic and grace within that bird and enchantment in the waters that it plies.

The kid had two things going for him that I truly admired. One was that he had never been to a place like this before and so he considered all of it new and exotic. The other was that he was young and therefore imbued with imagination and curiosity.

Like all kids, he knew what was truly important when he saw it.

He looked upon the bird with the same admiration I might feel with a fine new fishing rod or a photo of a distant wilderness I've not yet set foot in. And in that innocent look of his was a gift. It wasn't conspicuous and he didn't know he was giving it, but he gave it never the less. And I am still grateful for it.



A Great Blue Heron spies its lunch in form of a minnow just before it pounces.

You see, reflected in those dark eyes was the joy and enthrallment that any outdoors enthusiast feels when he or she first marvels at something as wondrous as a heron. The expression on his face was a simple reminder, urging you to look again with fresh eyes, exhorting you to stop and study the complex mir-

acle that wades in the shallows before you.

So I did just that. I watched the bird cock its head and contort its neck, which was coiled like a snake ready to strike. I noted how the hackles on top of its head moved with his attitude and how the slight breeze ruffled those striking

feathers on his back. And when, quick as a flash, it struck and came up with a still-slithering minnow, the boy and I looked at each other and smiled. And his look told me that, though he had never witnessed this before, he knew, instinctively, that this was as it should be.

There is something to be said for remembering the feeling you had when you first saw an animal or a place. There's real value in slowing down and truly observing even those things that are commonplace.

Like most outdoors enthusiasts, I do my level best to truly appreciate the things that make me fall in love with all of this. But we are blessed with so many marvellous things in this great place and sometimes the extraordinary magnificence of the ordinary is under appreciated. When a heron, loon, deer, or chickadee merely becomes white noise in the background of your life, you are doing yourself and those creatures a huge disservice.

You don't need to adore them, but you'd be a fool to consider them anything less than miraculous. Those tiny ripples that quivered outward from the legs of the heron sent a signal. But it was the boy's expression that told me how important it all was.

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